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SENATOR DICKINSON: If you have only a bare majority present you'd have to have a unanimous vote to conduct city business of that bare majority.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch are you ready to close debate by way of reply?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, I'll close the debate. I think that we're getting somewhat confused here. There are some cases in state statute where a city government must operate with more than a quorum in terms of vote, for it to be a valid vote and constitutional vote. What we're talking about here is you can open your meetings. You carry on until you get to such a point where there may have to be a vote greater than that majority. Those cases, I'm sure, the mayor and the city council and their legal advisor would be well aware of where the exception applied and so they're going to have to pass over or lay over that business until such time as you had the number necessary to make that decision. I'll close with that statement.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of 118. Record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, 22 not voting on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: LB 118 is advanced. Senator Marsh has asked the Chair to welcome to the Legislature 55 students from Zeman Elementary School. We're very happy to have you here and come again to the Nebraska Legislature.

LB 255.

CLERK: Read title.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow members, we're finally to an uncontroversial bill, I'm sure. This is a very simple bill. There were no amendments offered for LB 255. This was asked for by the veterinary organization themselves and the board of examiners which the veterinary medicine and surgery is part of. They would like to have the fees increased. The present fee is now \$50, and the proposed change would be to change the fee not less than \$50 and not more than \$100. The actual amount to be fixed by the departmental rules with the approval of the board of examiners and veterinary medicine and surgery. As this bill is enacted the fee would probably be set at \$75, according to Mr. Higley. This would be \$50 for the examination and \$25 for the expense of the examining board. I think . . . I would ask for the advancement from General File to E & R on LB 255. If there are any further questions. The fees will be held and used in their own departments, so there should be no problem. It's a continuance of what is already being done. I would ask for the advancement from General File to E & R of 255.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.